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# St. Valentine Massacre Confessed

by Bolton for Revenge

on Capone Gang

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# ACCUSE AL'S AIDS OF TIPOFF IN BREMER CASE

**Admitted Executioner and  
'Doc' Barker Bare Crime  
Secrets; Maddox Released**

Betrayed in the Bremer kidnapping by Al Capone's followers, one of "Scarface Al's" executioners in the St. Valentine's Day massacre avenged himself and his comrades by laying the seven victims at Capone's door.

This was the explanation that came yesterday from police and government sources for the purported confession of Byron Bolton, naming Capone as instigator of the massacre, and himself, Fred Burke, Fred Goetz, Claude Maddox, Gus Winkler and Murray Humphreys as the slayers.

## **BOTH TALK FREELY.**

At St. Paul, where they are under indictment with twenty others for the \$200,000 ransom abduction of Edward G. Bremer, banker, Bolton and his associate, Arthur ("Doc") Barker, both were reported to be adding freely to the government's stock of information on the massacre and other crimes.

This information has not been relayed to state officials. As a consequence, Maddox, seized here Saturday after being named by Bolton, was released by Chicago police last night, since his part in the six-year-old crime remains to be substantiated.

Bolton is understood to have revealed that the gang led by Burke was organized at least two years prior to the massacre, and that by 1928 he was a full-fledged member, driving the getaway car for the gunmen in a number of "jobs."

## **OTHERS ACCUSED.**

With Burke, Goetz, Winkler and himself in the gang were Joseph O'Riordan, once a member of the Detroit Purple gang, suspected in plot to kidnap Edsel Ford for \$1,000,000 ransom in 1927, and Robert Conroy, brother-in-law of O'Riordan, a murderer, counterfeiter and the man whom Al Capone, at least, believed to be the Lindbergh kidnaper.

Bolton's story is said to have revealed that the massacre was only one episode in the operations of the ruthless band.

He is reported to have asserted that Burke was the slayer of George Ziertara, a policeman killed at Toledo in 1928 when the gang captured an American Express money wagon containing \$150,000 for the payroll of an auto plant.

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## POLICE TO RELEASE ACCUSED GANGSTER

**Maddox, Reported Named in  
Massacre, Not Wanted on  
Any Charge.**

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, January 28.—No one, it seems, wants Claude Maddox, one-time gangster named in an alleged "confession" in connection with the St. Valentine's day massacre, so Chicago police have turned him over to the suburban Berwyn police who arrested him. They will likely release him.

Maddox was arrested Saturday after published reports said that Byron Bolton, held as a member of the Barker-Karpis gang responsible for the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, named Maddox along with Fred (killed) Burke, and others, as the men responsible for the slayings in which seven George (Bugs) Moran gangsters were killed in 1929.

In the show up here Maddox was not identified in any recent crimes. Local authorities said they were not able to connect him with the massacre because at the time of the killing he had an alibi that he was being arraigned in court on a disorderly conduct charge.

Existence of the "Bolton confession" repeatedly has been denied by Federal authorities.

The Herald and Examiner, nevertheless, published a story yesterday again emphasizing that the "confession" was a fact, and added that the reason Bolton talked was because he learned that followers of Al Capone reputedly had given Government men information that led to unraveling of the Bremer case.

Federal agents also denied that story.

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## MADDOX HELD ON SUSPICION

Claude Maddox, ex-Capone gangster, whom Byron Bolton is said to have named last week as one of the six participants in the St. Valentine Day's massacre of 1929, was held at the detective bureau last night.

Two Berwyn policemen had arrested him as he entered his home at 2440 S. Oak Park av.

Turned over to Chicago police he was questioned by Detective Chief Sullivan. He scoffed at the massacre charge, but was held for today's showup. The chief said he was "not wanted" here.

However, because of the persistent reports that federal agents really did get a confession from Bolton, there was belief in some quarters that Chief Sullivan's indifference was feigned and that Maddox would be kept under surveillance.

He has been running a saloon in Chicago since repeal melted the profits of illicit liquor. Bolton, arrested here by federal agents, is in St. Paul, charged with the \$200,000 Edward Bremer kidnaping.

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## Police Pressing 'Massacre' Probe

CHICAGO, Jan. 27 (I.N.S.). Corroborating evidence was being piled up by Federal authorities today to substantiate the story on the St. Valentine's day massacre told by Byron Bolton.

Although not enough evidence has been collected thus far to make a case against the surviving members of the gang responsible for the massacre, police believe that they ~~soon~~ will be in a position to destroy the entire mob.

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## Held for Showup



**CLAUDE MADDOX.**

[TRIBUNE Photo.]

The alibi given by Claude Maddox when he was arrested after the 1929 St. Valentine's day massacre, that he was in court at the time the seven Moran gangsters were slain in the North Clark street garage, was apparently regarded by the police as a bar to prosecution in the case yesterday when Chief of Detectives John L. Sullivan announced that Maddox would be held for the regular Sunday showup "like any other hoodlum," but that he is not wanted for any particular crime. Federal authorities told Chief Sullivan they were not interested in the prisoner.

Maddox was seized by two Berwyn policemen yesterday morning as he was entering his home in that suburb, where he lived under the name of John Moore. He was turned over to the Chicago police.

Maddox had been named as one of the St. Valentine's day slayers in a purported confession by Byron Bolton, now being held in St. Paul in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Besides Maddox and himself, Bolton was said to have declared that Fred Goetz, Murray Humphreys, Gus Winkler, and Fred [Killer] Burke were the execution squad. Goetz and Winkler are dead. Burke is serving a life sentence for murder and Humphreys is in Leavenworth penitentiary for violation of the income tax law.

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# MADDOX IN CELL; NOBODY WANTS TO QUIZ HIM

Police and Federal Men  
Both Say They're 'Not  
Interested.'

## ONCE AID OF CAPONE

Claude Maddox, alias Johnny Moore, found himself in a police cell today because some one said that he was one of the Capone machine gunners who wiped out seven Moran gangsters in the St. Valentine day massacre five years ago.

Chief of Detectives John L. Sullivan didn't quite know what to do about Maddox.

"So far as I know," said Chief Sullivan, "Maddox has no connection with the massacre. We don't want him in Chicago for any crime.

"But on general principles we'll hold him for the showup tomorrow afternoon."

### Sits in Cell and Broods.

Mr. Maddox sat in his cell and brooded over the evils that can befall a poor, hardworking tavern-keeper who gets his name in the paper.

Since the government repealed the "Scarface Al" Capone gang and prohibition, Maddox has been operating a tavern at 2241 South Cicero avenue, Cicero (adv.). Maddox used to be a trusted member of the Capone gang, doing various odd jobs in the way of educating ~~himself~~ to the wisdom of staying out of the syndicate's territory.

### Maddox in Court at Time.

Earlier this week reports were published that Byron Bolton, a Barker-Karpis gangster, had "confessed," naming himself, Maddox and four others as the machine gunners in the massacre. The only discrepancies in the report were that government agents who had Bolton in custody branded it as so much hokey and that Maddox—who is not one of the Dionne quintuplets—was in court at the time of the massacre.

A reporter for The Daily News went out to see Maddox the day the "confession" was published. Maddox was found hiding behind a straightup of beer. He pointed out that he was in court at the time the massacre was perpetrated, that he couldn't be in two places at once and so had nothing to fear.

The court statement was supported by his attorney, Tyrell Richardson, and by officials.

### Officials Seize Maddox.

Two zealous Berwyn policemen this morning seized Maddox as he was entering his home at 2440 South Oak Park avenue. They found no weapons other than a nail file in his possession.

Berwyn authorities turned him over to Chicago police. After the showup tomorrow Chief Sullivan said he would turn Maddox back to Berwyn. Daniel M. Ladd, agent in charge of the division of investigation here, said he didn't want Maddox.

Nobody wants Maddox, it seems, except his bartenders and waiters. And, so far as Chief Sullivan is concerned, they can have him and good riddance.

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# Police Seize Claude Maddox

## Gangster Accused in Massacre Held for Show-up.

Claude Maddox, recently named as one of the gunmen in the St. Valentine Day massacre, was locked up today at the detective bureau.

Maddox, who once led the notorious "Circus Gang," was involved in the slaughter by Myron Bolton whose confession of also taking part in the crime was printed exclusively by The Chicago American.

Maddox, a public enemy of long standing, was seized by two policemen as he drove up to his home at 2440 S. Oak Park av. in Berwyn early today.

The reported confession of Bolton, which was made to the government before he was sent to St. Paul for a kidnaping trial, has not been turned over to police and without this evidence Chief of Detectives Sullivan said that Maddox could not be prosecuted. He will be held for the crime show-up tomorrow.



Claude Maddox, accused as machine gunner in the St. Valentine's Day massacre in Myron Bolton's confession, who was captured by Berwyn policemen today. The long-suspected gangster was recog-

nized at once by the suburban officers from police photographs, one of which is shown in the making. Arrested at the time as a Capone gunman, he is being "mugged" at the Chicago police studio by Sergt. Charles Mathews.



# LAST OF GANG CAPTURED FOR MASSACRE

Gunman, Unarmed, Is  
Corralled at Home by  
Berwyn Officers.

Claude Maddox, gangster  
gunman and public enemy, was  
seized and jailed today for in-  
vestigation of his alleged part  
in the St. Valentine's Day mas-  
sacre.

Maddox was named by Byron Bol-  
ton as one of the machine gunners  
in an exclusive story printed by  
The Chicago American.

Maddox is the only one of the  
machine gunners named by Bol-  
ton who was alive or at large.

## SEIZED AT DOOR OF HOME.

He was captured without sen-  
sation as he drove up in front of  
his home at 2440 S. Oak Park av.,  
Berwyn, at 5:20 a. m. today by two  
policemen of the suburb.

Detective Charles Rudder-  
man and Patrolman Frank Mitchell  
saw him drive past in an expensive  
sedan and fell in behind. They  
trailing him to the front door of  
his residence and as Maddox left  
his car they placed him under ar-  
rest.

A search disclosed that he was  
unarmed, nor was there a gun in  
the car.

He was hustled off to the Ber-  
wyn police station despite profane  
protests. The detective bureau in  
Chicago was notified.

Guarded by several officers, he  
was then sped to the Chicago po-  
lice headquarters and taken to the  
bureau of identification.

## DENIES HE IS MADDOX.

When first seized he tried to es-  
cape arrest by asserting that his  
name was John Moore, an old alias.  
The two suburban policemen knew  
him, however.

As soon as his fingerprints were  
taken at the Bureau of Identifica-  
tion he admitted his true identity.  
Surlily he refused to answer ques-  
tions of Deputy Chief of Detectives  
Walter Storms, who at once noti-  
fied Chief John L. Sullivan of the  
arrest.

## WAS LONG SUSPECTED.

Maddox has been long suspected  
but never directly involved in the  
1929 slaughter. Bolton, now in St.  
Paul and under indictment for tak-  
ing part in the kidnaping of Ed-  
ward G. Bremer, confessed to the  
government that he had taken a  
part in the massacre.

The same story, related to friends  
in Chicago and obtained by The  
Chicago American, named the kill-  
ers beside Bolton and Maddox as  
Murray Humphreys, now in prison  
for income tax fraud; Gus Winkle;  
slain; Fred ("Killer") Burke, serv-  
ing a life term for murder, and  
Fred Goetz, slain.

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## LAST MASSACRE SUSPECT SEIZED



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suburban officers from police photographs, one of which is shown here in the making. Arrested at the time as Capone gunman, he is being "mugged" at the Chicago police studio by Sergt. Charles Mathews.

*Chicago American*

## BUTLER DEEMS BOLTON STORY TRUE PICTURE

That Byron Bolton's story of the St. Valentine Day massacre appears to be a true picture of what actually took place was the opinion expressed today by Walker Butler, who as assistant state's attorney was in charge of the massacre investigation in 1929.

The most significant phase of Bolton's story, he said, was the description of Burke, Goetz and Winkler. Butler expressed the opinion that the presence of Murray Humphreys "might be wrong," and that if he had named Tony Capezio in his place the confession would be perfect. He said:

"We raided Bolton's home downstate after we trailed a trunk shipped from Capone's flat in Cicero. We missed Burke by just a few minutes.

### PHOTOS OF CAPONE

"However, we found numerous pictures of Capone and others of his 'mob'. There was a picture of Burke in the Bolton home with two front teeth missing, and the witnesses to the slaying stressed the fact that one of the killers in police uniform had two front teeth missing."

Butler was associated in the investigation with Harry S. Ditchburne, also an assistant state's attorney, who also declared that Bolton's confession was supported by the facts gleaned at the time.

Sergt. Samuel Loftus, a veteran of the police force, was the first policeman to enter the garage after the slaying of the seven. Today he said of Bolton's story:

"Every detail that Bolton outlined is true to my personal knowledge. I lived that case and as a matter of fact I am still working on it."

### CAPT. GILBERT AGREES.

And Capt. Daniel Gilbert, who was then in charge of the police district where the murders took place and now in charge of the state's attorney's police force, corroborated Sergt. Loftus. He said:

"Bolton entered into the picture then as a likely bird. The Maddox angle is not only possible but I believe that it is the answer to the puzzle of his alibi. We knew Maddox was there, but couldn't prove it."

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# GANG MASSACRE FINGER POINTS TOWARD CAPONE

## Murder Charge Against Former Crime Overlord Is Thought Possible

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—(P)—Seven dead men, victims of the St. Valentine's day massacre, cast a shadow today over the possible fate of Al Capone.

From graves where they have lain since 1929, the victims of Chicago's bloodiest crime were said in reports published here to be the most serious threat to the former gang lord's safety since his conviction on a federal income tax evasion charge.

The Herald and Examiner stated that Byron Bolton, held in St. Paul charged with a part in the Bremer kidnaping, had confessed as "finger man" for the mass slaying and had named the actual slayers, listing five names familiar in underworld haunts.

Though U. S. government officials were quick to deny they had a confession, the newspaper said federal officers were hopeful of tracing those seven murders down to the original public enemy No. 1, Al Capone, now in Alcatraz prison.

The report quoted Bolton as attributing the massacre to henchmen hired by Capone to protect his interests in a Lyons, Ill., dog race track after the George (Bugs) Moran gang and Frank Uale, New York and Chicago gangster, attempted to "muscle in" on the profits.

Those named as killers, who left their quarry in a blood-spattered garage in February, 1929, were: Murray Humphreys, once No. 1 Capone man, now in Leavenworth on an income tax evasion conviction; Fred (Killer) Burke, serving a term in a Michigan prison for slaying a St. Joseph policeman; Gus Winkler, North Side gambler killed a year ago; Claude Maddox, leader of the extinct Circus gang, the only one now at large, and Fred (The Brains) Goetz, University of Illinois graduate, who turned gangster. Goetz was slain last year.

Reports said that Bolton, taken in a raid here Jan. 10, the night federal bullets slew Russell Gibson, Karpis-Barker gangster, confessed he was the man who rented a room opposite the Clark st. garage and gave the signal when the Moran mobsters arrived at their headquarters.

The Herald and Examiner pointed out that, should a case be developed against Capone, the federal government might turn the former bootleg king over to the state for prosecution on a murder charge when his 10-year term for tax evasion and one year for contempt are completed. And others implicated might be brought from their prison cells to face prosecution for the gory murders that were credited with focusing attention of the federal government on the menace of Chicago's war lords.

Following the murders, police sought the slayers. Arrests were made, but alibis brought freedom though ballistics experts said evidence pointed to Bolton, a former navy machine-gunner. Burke and Maddox were also listed by police at the time as suspects.

The crime has been listed five years as an unsolved mystery.

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# ALLEGED MASSACRE

## PRINCIPAL SEIZED

*St Paul Dispatch*

Claude Maddox Said to Have  
Been Named Here by  
Bolton.

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Chicago, Jan. 26. (P)—Claude Maddox, recently reported named in a confession by Byron Bolton as one of six men involved in the St. Valentine's day massacre of 1929, was seized early today by squads from the detective bureau at his home in suburban Berwyn.

He was taken to central police headquarters for questioning by John L. Sullivan, chief of detectives.

Bolton, held in St. Paul on charges of complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, was reported earlier this week to have confessed that he acted as "finger man" in the massacre which wiped out seven members of the George (Bugs) Moran gang in a north side garage.

Maddox was the only person named in the alleged confession who is not either dead or in prison. Others Bolton was reported to have named were Murray Humphreys, once No. 1 Capone henchman, now in Leavenworth serving a term for income tax evasion; Fred (Killer) Burke now in a Michigan prison for the slaying of a St. Joseph policeman; Fred (the brains) Goetz, university graduate who turned gangster and was slain a year ago; Gus Winkler, gambler killed last year, and Maddox.

Now 35 years old, Maddox was former owner of the Circus cafe where the gangsters were said to have consorted. He was seized when he arrived at his home early this morning.

The massacre was said to have been attributed by Bolton to warfare between the Capone and Moran mobs over the profits of a dog race track at Lyons, Ill. Federal officials promptly denied that Bolton had confessed or that he had been questioned concerning the massacre.

Sullivan asserted, however, Maddox was not wanted by the Chicago police. He indicated Maddox would be held for the regular Sunday showup of crime suspects.

Maddox rose to prominence as a protege of Al Capone. After the massacre he was arrested and quizzed, but released for lack of evidence. Later he was indicted for assault to kill but was not brought to trial. He still is listed as a public enemy by the Chicago Crime commission.

Harry Ditchburne, former assistant state's attorney who conducted the investigation into the massacre, disclosed today that when investigators from the homicides squad rushed from headquarters in the central police station to answer the massacre call they rode down the same elevator with Maddox, who had appeared in court on a disorderly conduct charge, and his attorney.

Maddox turned to his attorney and said, "Well, that's one rap they can't hang on me," it was related by Ditchburne.

The alibi convinced investigators, subsequent developments in-

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## 'CONFESSION' IN MASSACRE STIRS U. S. OFFICIALS

**Bolton Story Receiving  
Serious Consideration  
by Department.**

Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent.  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—Publication of "confessions," attributed to department of justice sources, was receiving the attention of high officials of the department here today.

Officials of the department, whose agents are noted for their refusal to talk for publication, were irritated at reports published in Chicago that Byron Bolton, Barker-Karpis gangsters indicted in the Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul today, had "confessed" the St. Valentine day massacre, naming five other hoodlums as his aids in the mass murder of seven Moran gangsters.

Bolton's confession to agents on file in the department of justice quarters in Washington does not mention the St. Valentine day massacre, officials said flatly today.

### Trace Origin of Story.

In view of the fact that the department, according to officials, obtained no statement, oral or written, from Bolton in which the St. Valentine day massacre was so much as mentioned, the officials were seeking to trace the origin of the story.

From time to time there have been slight "leaks" in the department of justice offices at Chicago, and, while yesterday's report was simply an irritant, the other situation has aroused grave concern on the part of officials and a determined effort to halt such "leaks" is under way.

### Department Made Vulnerable.

The secrecy with which the department conducts its work, while admirable in many respects, observers point out, together with their agents' policy of announcing "I have nothing to say," makes the department peculiarly vulnerable in the matter of denials when an unfounded article is published.

Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings, in discussing Bolton's indictment at St. Paul today, branded as "completely erroneous" the published report of his "massacre confession."

*Chicago Daily News*

# Gang Massacre Valentine Day Is Held Solved

**Chicago Reports Suspect  
Confessed, Implicating  
5 Others in Crime.**

Chicago, Jan. 23 (AP).—Reports were published here today that the underworld's most gory crime—the 1929 Valentine Day massacre of seven gangsters—had been solved by the statement of Byron Bolton, held as a member of the notorious Karpis-Barker mob.

The Chicago American in a copyrighted story said Bolton had named all participants in the crime and that his written statement was now in the hands of J. Edgar Hoover, head of the division of investigation of the Department of Justice at Washington.

Dissemination of the story brought immediate and conflicting statements. Said Hoover: "There's not a word of truth in it." Said Police Capt. John Stege, underworld authority of the Chicago force: "It sounds probable." Said D. M. Ladd, agent in charge at the Chicago Division of Investigation: "Federal agents have not questioned Bolton about the massacre."

Named as "trigger men" and plotters in the massacre by Bolton, the American said, were: Murray Humphreys, one time No. 1 man of the Capone mob, now serving a term in Leavenworth for income tax evasion; Claude Maddox, hoodlum still at large; Fred ("Killer") Burke, serving time in Michigan for murder; Gus Winkler, slain underworld go-between; Fred ("The Brains") Goetz, University man turned gangster, and Bolton.

Slain in efforts to exterminate the George ("Bugs") Moran gang on Valentine Day were Peter Gusenberg, former convict; Frank, his brother; Adam Heyer, alias Arthur Hayes, former convict; James Clark, brother-in-law of Moran; John May, garage mechanic; Albert ~~Wain~~ ~~shank~~, and Dr. Einhardt H. Schwimmer.

The whole plot was a story of the familiar "double-cross," the effort of Al Capone to maintain control of a dog track at Lyons, Ill., which one of his affiliates, Frank Uale, Chicago and New York gangster, coveted. Uale was reported to have thrown his allegiance to Moran, North Side leader, in attempts to "cut in" on the dog track and Capone hired "Killer" Burke and others to protect his interest.

Moran's headquarters were in a North Clark street garage. For days Bolton was reported to have watched the place and then given the alarm when he saw Moran's cohorts enter, Moran with them. The killers entered, two dressed in police uniforms, unlimbered machine guns, lined up their victims, and blazed away. Moran disappeared and has since "retired."

Arrests and alibis followed and no solution was forthcoming, although at that time Police Lieut. Frank Cusack said ballistics tests pointed to Bolton, former Navy machine gunner.

Meanwhile, hunt for Alvin Karpis, desperate co-leader of the Karpis-Barker gang wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer, centered in the Midwest as Federal agents, police and sheriffs' officers by the hundred followed every slim clew and report.

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*Washington Post*  
*Jan. 24, 1935.*

## Capone May Be Tried For "Massacre" As Henchman Confesses

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Alphonse Capone, imprisoned gang overlord, may be brought from Alcatraz island penitentiary to answer for the ghastly St. Valentine's day massacre of seven Moran gangsters here in 1929.

This possibility loomed today following the disclosure by international news service that Byron Bolton, now a federal prisoner, had made a detailed statement of the massacre to department of justice agents. Bolton and five others were named as the killers.

While police officials began to reshuffle their scanty evidence in the gruesome mass murder federal officials were said to be hopeful of linking Capone to the crime with the object of sending him to the electric chair, if possible.

### Killers Were Capone Men.

Those named as the actual murderers who lined up seven of George (Bugs) Moran's gang against a N. Clark st. garage wall and mowed them down with machine gun fire were known to be affiliates of the Capone mob, then engaged in a war for supremacy against Moran's men.

They were Murray Humphreys, Gus Winkler, Fred (Killer) Burke, Claude Maddox and Fred Goetz. Humphreys, who succeeded Capone to the gangland throne, is now in prison at Leavenworth, Kan. Burke is serving a life term at the Marquette (Mich.) penitentiary. Winkler and Goetz were murdered and only Maddox, leader of the "circus" gang, Capone affiliate, is at large.

As police authorities dug back into their investigation new evidence was brought to light. Bolton's brother, John, had been sought as a participant in the massacre, police announced. So had John Conroy, found slain in New York in 1932.

### Admits He Was Killer.

Bolton in his confession said he was one of the killers. Police had been trailing the former Egans' rats gangster as the man who conducted the death watch in a rented room across the street from the massacre garage. He was first connected with the crime when a letter addressed to him and postmarked from Thayer, Ill., was found in the abandoned room.

Conroy, it was disclosed by Detective Frank Morrell, was also known as Robert Newberry. When Burke was first linked to the St. Valentine day murders a search for Conroy, one of Burke's henchmen, was begun. The hunt ended when Conroy was found dead in a New York flat, Morrell said.

Bolton is now in federal custody at St. Paul, as a suspect in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer wealthy banker.

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# POLICE TELL NEW SECRETS OF 1929 GANG MASSACRE

## Pick Flaws in Reported Bolton Confession.

New evidence uncovered in the investigation of the St. Valentine's day massacre of seven north side gangsters came to light last night on the heels of published reports that Byron Bolton, now a federal prisoner, has made a full confession, naming himself as one of the killers.

Despite the fact of emphatic denials from department of justice agents that Bolton made a confession, either written or oral, and despite the fact that the new evidence tended to disprove many details of the purported confession, the reports persisted that it had been made.

### Reveal New Fugitives.

The new stories of the investigation of the massacre of the George [Bugs] Moran gangsters, brought to light the fact that Bolton's brother, John, also had been sought for participation in the crime, as had John Conroy, who was found dead in a New York flat two years ago.

According to the reported Bolton confession, those named in addition to Bolton himself were Fred [Killer] Burke, Gus Winkler, Murray Humphreys, Claude Maddox and Fred Goetz.

Of these, Burke is serving a life term in the Michigan state penitentiary; Humphreys is serving a term for income tax violations, and Goetz and Winkler are dead. Only Maddox is now at large.

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### Hunted Since Massacre.

Since shortly after Feb. 14, 1929, Byron Bolton had been sought as one of two men who rented a room across the street from the garage headquarters of the Moran gang at 2122 North Clark street.

There he is supposed to have watched for an opportunity to catch Moran and his entire gang in the garage at one time, then call for the gangland executioners.

Bolton was linked with this role when a letter addressed to him and postmarked from Thayer, Ill., was found in the room. At that time Policeman Frank Morrell, assigned to the investigation, made a trip to Thayer. He found Bolton's parents, obtained a picture, and discovered that Bolton had been in the navy during the war.

### Linked to "Death Watch."

The picture later was identified as that of the man who rented the room where the death watch was kept.

Bolton's trail led next to St. Louis, the town where both he and Burke got their starts with the Egan's Rats gang. It was in St. Louis, apparently that Bolton became associated with the Arthur Barker-Alvin Karpis gang, now blamed for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Bolton was finally captured in an apartment at 3820 Pine Grove avenue, where a companion, Russell Gibson, wanted in the Bremer kidnaping, was killed attempting to shoot his way out of the government trap.

According to the purported confession, Bolton admitted renting the "death watch" room and occupying it as police had suspected, but he did

not mention his brother. In addition, the report had it, Bolton joined the actual slayers when they entered the garage, and fired one of the machine guns.

### Burke and Goetz the "Police."

Burke and Goetz, according to the reputed confession, were the two men dressed as policemen. They were chosen, Bolton is reported to have said, because they were not known to the Moran gang. Believing them real officers on a routine raid, the Moran men calmly allowed themselves to be disarmed and lined up against the wall.

Then came the blast from machine guns and shot guns that left dead on the floor Pete Gusenberg, Adam Heyer, James Clark, John May, Albert Weinschank, and Dr. Einhardt H. Schwimmer. Frank Gusenberg was alive when police came, but died within a few hours.

The motive for the slaying, as Bolton is reported to have told it, involved the hiring of Frankie Uale, New York gang leader, by the north siders to aid in the war against Al Capone over operations of a dog track in Lyons, Ill.

### Point Flaw in Story.

There police found the first main flaw in the reputed Bolton confession. It was pointed out that Uale was slain in New York on July 1, 1928, nearly eight months before the massacre took place.

In addition, Policeman Morrell, who spent many months in his investigation, declared that he never had heard the names of Humphreys or Maddox connected with the actual massacre.

Burke, Goetz and Winkler had been regarded as likely suspects, he said, and, in addition, two other men were mentioned. They are John, the brother of Byron Bolton, and Robert Conroy, who was found dead in a New York flat in 1932.

### Question Omission of Conroy.

Conroy, whose real name was Robert Newberry, was sought in 1929 as a member of Burke's gang, and one of the participants in the massacre itself. Policeman Morrell pointed out that if Byron Bolton made a confession, it was extremely likely that Conroy's name would have been mentioned.

As to whether Bolton could be expected to name his own brother, Policeman Morrell would not say, but declared that all the evidence pointed to the fact that John Bolton was the second man in the room across from the garage.

Byron Bolton now is in St. Paul, in federal custody, and was called as a witness before the federal grand jury reported to have voted indictments

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## Named in St. Valentine Massacre



Robert Conroy, slain in New York in 1932, who was recalled yesterday by Policeman Frank Morrell as a suspect in the massacre.



GUS WINKLER.



MURRAY HUMPHREYS.



BYRON BOLTON.



FRED GOETZ.



CLAUDE MADDOX.



FRED BURKE.

against three members of the Barker-Karpis gang, charging them with the Bremer abduction.

Harold Nathan, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the division of investigation of the department of justice, sent vigorous denials from St. Paul that Bolton had made a confession of the massacre. Mr. Hoover sent a similar denial from Washington. In Chicago police officials said that they had not been informed of such a confession.

*Chicago Tribune*

# Gang Massacre Valentine Day Is Held Solved

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Dissemination of the story brought immediate and conflicting statements. Said Hoover: "There's not a word of truth in it." Said Police Capt. John Stege, underworld authority of the Chicago force: "It sounds probable." Said D. M. Ladd, agent in charge at the Chicago Division of Investigation: "Federal agents have not questioned Bolton about the massacre."

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Slain in efforts to exterminate the George ("Bugs") Moran gang on Valentine Day were Peter Gusenberg, former convict; Frank, his brother; Adam Heyer, alias Arthur Hayes, former convict; James Clark, brother-in-law of Moran; John May, garage mechanic; Albert Weirshank, and Dr. Einhardt H. Schwimmer.

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Meanwhile, hunt for Alvin Karpis, desperate co-leader of the Karpis-Barker gang wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer, centered in the Midwest as Federal agents, police and sheriffs' officers by the hundred followed every slim clew and report.

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# KILLER SAVED FROM GUNS OF FOES

Lieut. Otto Erlanson, veteran head of the police homicide squad, declared today he believes Byron Bolton's sensational story of the 1929 St. Valentine's Day septuple gang massacre "is true in every line" as printed exclusively in The Chicago American.

Lieut. Erlanson went to work on the amazing case within a matter of minutes after the seven adherents of George ("Bugs") Moran were found slaughtered by machine gun fire in the gang garage headquarters at 2122 N. Clark st.

## CONSTANTLY MENTIONED.

Today he had finished examining a huge box of massacre records and declared:

"I believe The Chicago American's story is correct in every line from my investigation, which started right after the murders.

"When Bolton was arrested January 8 in the raid when Russell Gibson was killed by federal men, I recalled at once that he was constantly mentioned in our investigation."

It was while in federal custody after the January 8 raid on an apartment hide-out at 3920 Pine Grove av., that Bolton told to government agents the full story of the massacre, admitting that he was one of the four machine gun killers.

## U. S. GUARDS STATEMENT.

The government is carefully guarding Bolton's formal statement, but friends of the gangster, to whom he previously had told the story, revealed it exclusively to The Chicago American.

In that story, Bolton described the four machine gunners as having been himself, Claude Maddox, Gus Winkler and Murray Humphreys. Fred ("Killer") Burke and Fred Goetz, he added, posed as

policemen in full uniform to set the stage for the carnage.

## "PLAUSIBLE:" SULLIVAN.

Chief of Detectives Sullivan displayed intense interest in Bolton's story and said:

"It sounds plausible and has all the earmarks of being true."

He planned to confer today with Commissioner of Police Allman to make plans for bringing Bolton back to Chicago should he escape conviction in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, for which he faces almost certain indictment.

Chief Sullivan said the government refused police permission to take Bolton to the detective bureau for questioning before he was taken to St. Paul, although an offer was made for police to quiz him in the Bankers' Building offices of the division of investigation, Department of Justice.

## RECALLS RENTED ROOM.

Lieut. Erlanson recalled that a woman living across the street from the Moran garage rented to a mysterious stranger a room fronting on Clark st., with an unobstructed view of the garage front.

That room, it was established soon after the massacre, was used as a watching post.

Bolton, in his story, described himself as its tenant.

Lieut. Erlanson declared today the landlady at the time described her roomer in a manner which tallied with Bolton's description. Also, a letter addressed to Bolton from his old home town of Thayer, Ill., was found in the room, definitely linking him with the case.

## FIND WRECKED AUTO.

Bolton's explanation of the "policemen" roles played by Burke and Goetz, who were unknown to the Moran gang, to gain entry without suspicion to the garage also is borne out by his information, the police officer said.

Lieut. Erlanson recalled that the night after the massacre a large Cadillac touring car, identical with those used by detective bureau squads at that time, was found practically destroyed in a Cicero prairie.

The automobile had been drenched with gasoline, set afire and bombed. Only the chassis remained.

Serial numbers had been filed away, Lieut. Erlanson said, but science managed to reproduce them so that the car was traced through the hands of several dealers and owners—including Maddox, who then headed the murderous "Circus Gang" of the Northwest Side.

## SLIPS OUT OF "SPOT."

Lieut. Erlanson said Maddox was questioned, having at once fallen under suspicion, but glibly explained away the automobile angle.

Burke has always intrigued his interest, the officer said, but he has never been able definitely to hook the notorious killer to the crime. He declared today:

"If Burke would talk the whole case would be cleared up."

Burke is serving a life sentence at hard labor in the Michigan prison at Marquette for murdering a St. Joseph Mich., policeman.

When arrested at St. Joseph, Mo., for the policeman's murder, some months later, Burke's young wife, the innocent daughter of a small farmer, declared Burke and Bolton were close friends and frequently took trips together to Great Falls, Minn., and elsewhere.

## SOUGHT TO KILL BOLTON.

The Chicago American also learned that Bolton barely beat the guns of gangland when he revealed the details of Chicago's most spectacular crime.

To seal his lips Bolton's erstwhile

underworld confederates had been waiting with weapons primed and cocked until the time was ripe.

Bolton, they argued, was a sick man, always loquacious, and a man who has wanted to talk for some time.

Instead, they either dallied too long or were unable to locate their target and the record of that gory crime has been put down in black and white through the story spilled from Bolton's own lips.

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# MASSACRE'S CIVIC PROBERS

## HAIL BOLTON EXPOSE

*Chicago American*

# EARLIER FACTS CHECK WITH CONFESSION

After the massacre of seven hoodlum members of the "Bugs" Moran gang on St. Valentine's Day, seven years ago, a rise of civic indignation gave birth to a coroner's jury of prominent leading Chicago citizens.

And today the members of that jury who spent thousands of dollars of their own money to wipe the stigma of gangdom from Chicago were emphatic in their belief that Byron Bolton's story of the real slaying as said to have been told to Department of Justice agents, was the first real word picture of the massacre.

It was the massacre that led to the establishment of the Northwestern Crime Detection Laboratory.

It was the massacre that first brought to the Middle West the use of ballistics in the scientific detection of crime.

## STORY 'RINGS TRUE.'

Bolton's story, as published exclusively yesterday in *The Chicago American*, was told, his friends say, only because he had "gone soft."

But the members of the coroner's jury who spent months in questioning of witnesses covering more than 5,000 closely typed pages of testimony, declare that his story rings true.

Burt A. Massee, prominent Chicagoan and foreman of the jury, said:

"He seems to have a pretty good knowledge of the whole affair doesn't he? I don't recall having run across the name of Bolton in the actual slaying, but I do know that Burke was definitely connected as a suspect. We proved that with Col. Calvin Goddard's ballistics test of the spent shells."

## EXPOSE IS PRAISED.

Praise for the first real story of the slaying was offered to *The Chicago American* today by Walter W. L. Meyer, assistant to the Probate Judge of Cook County and a noted teacher of criminal law. He said:

"This is a wonderful expose after so many years, I'm inclined to believe that Burke was connected with the shooting and I think that Bolton might have had something to do with it. I know Burke was connected with the anti-Moran gang but I don't know just where Capone comes in. Bolton tells a good, well-connected story."

Felix Streyckmans, former newspaperman and a practicing Chicago attorney who was a member of the jury, said:

"There are some phases of the story that I don't think are quite accurate. We definitely established the fact that only two machine guns were used, although Bolton claims that four men carried them. However, it is possible that only two of the gun carriers were the actual murderers. We traced the shotgun shells to two guns and afterward located them in Burke's home."

## BOLTON'S PART CERTAIN.

Dr. John V. McCormick, member of the jury and dean of the Loyola University law school, said:

"Bolton's hookup with Burke is fairly certain. I first heard Bolton's name mentioned in the slaying about three months after the inquest, but I can't remember in what connection. If Bolton didn't take part in the shooting, I don't see why he has confessed that he did."

Col. Albert A. Sprague blamed Bolton's conscience for his confession to the federal men. He said:

"I can't imagine what would move a man like Bolton to make such a confession, unless his conscience was bothering him. His name never came into the inquest, but that did not mean anything particularly, because we spent most of our time in endeavoring to trace the bullets found in the bodies."

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# GANG MASSACRE FINGER POINTS TOWARD CAPONE

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Reports said that Bolton, taken in a raid here Jan. 10, the night federal bullets slew Russell Gibson, Harpls-Barker gangster, confessed he was the man who rented a room opposite the Clark st. garage and gave the signal when the Moran mobsters arrived at their headquarters.

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# Tale May Send Capone to Chair



**BLAMED FOR MASSACRE**—Al Capone, former Chicago gang lord, now in prison, who ordered the Moran mob "wiped out," according to the confession of Byron Bolton yesterday.

**St. Valentine Confession  
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**Bolton Tells How Druggan  
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**Names Five as Fellow Killers  
in St. Valentine's Massacre.**

Bolton, arrested January 10 at 3920 Pine Grove av. in the federal raid that brought death to Russell Gibson, named as his fellow-killers:

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# MASSACRE

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## GUNMAN'S INSIDE

## STORY!

*Chicago Herald & Examiner*

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In view of the conflicting statements it was recalled that for 10 days federal agents denied having in custody Mrs. Lester Gillis, "half pint" widow of the slain "Baby Face" Nelson and the refusal of local federal officers for days to admit they had custody of Arthur "Doc" Barker, apprehended the same night Bolton was taken after a raid in which Russell Gibson, another Karpis-Barker satellite was slain.

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## MORAN NAMES SLAYERS OF MORAN GANG

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Sunday Karpis and his trigger-crazed pal, Harry Campbell, shot their way through a police trap in Atlantic City, stole an automobile and escaped. Since then they zoomed their way toward the mid-west, stealing cars and kidnaping the owners temporarily.

Today two roughly dressed men in an automobile bearing Ohio license plates overpowered two bank officials and two customers at the Trivoli (Ill.) state bank near Peoria and escaped with nearly \$3,000. Authorities saw the possibility of the desperate hand of Karpis and Campbell in that crime.

Yesterday Karpis and Campbell abandoned a Pennsylvania doctor's car near Monroe, Mich., after releasing the doctor in Ohio on their flight. They were next reported seen near Pontiac, Mich., and state police combed that area.

### ORDERED TO SHOOT

Chicago police, with "shoot to kill" orders from Detective Chief John L. Sullivan, expected the pair to head for Chicago for one of their numerous hideouts. All entrances to the metropolis were scanned minutely.

Karpis and Campbell are the only two of the important members of the gang sought for the Bremer kidnaping still at large. Fred Barker and his mother, Kate (Ma) Barker, were slain by federal agents in a protracted gun battle in Florida; Fred's brother, Arthur, is in custody at St. Paul; Bolton also has been taken there, and Gibson went to the end of the criminal one-way street—death.

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Claude Maddox, whose  
Circus Gang is now extinct.

Fred Goetz, University of  
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***Druggan's Narrow  
Escape Disclosed.***

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dler, came within seconds of  
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Although Department of  
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# PUBLIC TO 'EARN IN PINK SLIP' TO GIVE DATA ON PAYMENTS

Income will be no secret your neighbor after March or will his be hidden from

Mr. H. Harrison, collector of all revenue, announced today the so-called "pink slips" containing information on individual income returns for 1934 will be made after that date, the deadline for the first quarterly payment.

Information will be available for publication at the United States House, he said. It is expected more than 350,000 individual returns will be filed.

## ON FACTS.

1934 returns will not be as full as those of 1934, however, no information will be made public except what is entered on pink slips.

Information consists of (1) name and address, (2) total gross income, (3) total deductions, (4) net income, (5) total credits against tax, (6) tax payable. The pink slip must be filed with individual, corporation and partnership return, whether taxable or not.

## BY PROVIDED.

Mr. Harrison said that state officials may inspect the same way provided for the public, but that nobody is permitted to remove one of the slips from his office unless he has instructions to that effect from Washington. A fine of five dollars will be levied against those failing to fill out the form to cover extra clerical work, and the information made public in every case. The collector's office is to fill in each pink slip from information available in the returns.

# TO SPEED ONE REFUND

Mr. F. Goldstein and Mr. Haight, attorneys in the telephone refund case, are mapping out a plan of action to inform the public to get it.

They obtained permission from Federal Judge Evan A. James H. Wilkerson for a hearing.

Mr. Haight, acting as counsel for the city, won the refund case and now are redistribution of the money.

# Alky to Fight Cold; Floored

Grubbs doesn't believe in measures to cold with heroic treatment.

He, in his home at 1602 Blvd., first was afflicted by Frank's 45-year-old blood.

He drank "straight" a full bottle of alcohol he usually drinks for home-made gin and fell down, and his wife called police, who took him to hospital. Grubbs passed out after murmuring something.

"Fluttering eagle," Mr. March, Magnuson and decided to take him to the hospital, where physicians all night to save his life. Today they told police they were him to face a charge of violation.

Hotel Burned. A. Okla. Jan. 22.—(AP)—A fire in the basement of the Hotel virtually destroyed the building. Seventy people escaped without injury.



Frankie Uale, unsavory eastern gang overlord, to whose covetousness is traced the St. Valentine's Day massacre of seven men. Byron Bolton, federal prisoner, has named the killers and told the causes of the killings. The Chicago American reveals today. Uale met the death he meted to others—gangland assassination.



Fred Goetz, a University of Illinois graduate who got mixed up in crime and was slain later, is named by Bolton as having been one of the two "policemen" who left the scene of the shambles after the guns had done their work.

# PROBABLY TRUE, SAYS STEGE

Captain John P. Stege, now supervising captain of West Side police, but Chief of Detectives when the St. Valentine's Day massacre took place in 1929, today declared The Chicago American's exclusive revelation of how and by whom the crime was committed probably is true.

Capt. Stege said: "When 'Killer' Burke was captured, I personally went to St. Joseph, Mo., and brought back to Chicago the guns which were found in his home. A ballistics test of these guns by Dr. Herman N. Bandeen, then coroner of Cook County, revealed that they were the same weapons as used in the massacre.

"Despite that fact, Burke never talked. I don't know Bolton, but his story is certainly probable. Murray Humphreys was a big shot in gangland and the rest of the story sounds true."

Coast Towns Shaken by Three Quakes. BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 22.—(By International News Service).—Three distinct earthquakes were felt here today.

- Mr. Baer
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Cullen
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

# ME TAX SECRETS REVEALED IN ST. VALENTINE



Murray Humphreys, a man having been in a squad that summarily executed seven men. Humphreys is serving federal prison for income tax evasion.

This was the hot garage after the failed exhibition of criminal seven men. This was the high water mark in the

# Moran and Druggan Miss by a Matter of a Few M

Learn from the Moran and Druggan case that the gangster in the Congress Hotel together with the avarice of Frank Uale, the eastern gangster, who later was killed.

## It Was All Over a Truth

Uale, he said, was operating with Capone's gang in Lyons, Ill. Uale had been a close friend of Moran's, but the latter's refusal to cut him in on the profits of the dog track alienated him in his lot with Moran. Uale threatened to tell Joe Aiello, Moran's partner. Those controlling the dog track burned down through Uale was killed. Bolton said, retained Burke and Goetz for protection, but put the men into policemen's uniforms.

## What Happened to Killers

(2 in Graves, now "out of the picture," the first at hard labor for life as a Michigan policeman and the other two in tank graves. A machine gun found in Burke's lake shore bungalow in Michigan was proven by ballistics to have been used in the massacre—and to have slain Uale in New York several months later.

Goetz the former long sought for robbery, apparently lived a "charmed" life.

But criminal retribution he was shot down in a Chicago saloon last March. The order went out, Capone, to "get" the Moran and Druggan.

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## Four Machine Guns F

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## How Court Was Used

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# 2,000 JAPANESE IN CHINA RAID

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Chinese dispatches from Kalgan received here today said 2,000 Japanese and Manchukuan soldiers had attacked three towns in eastern Chahar Province. The report said Tushikou, a town near the Chahar-Jehol border, had been bombed from the air and shelled by artillery. Other attacks, the dispatches said, were launched against Kuyuan and Tungchetai, described as "places within Chahar Province." The reports said that eight Japanese airplanes had participated in the alleged bombing expedition.

# Flee Bank's Tear



# EARN IN ME TAX SECRETS ON MARCH 10

## ED AS RES IN ST. VALENTINE'S MASSACRE

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Joe Aiello, Moran gangster, through whom Frankie Uale threatened to have burned down a dog race track operated with Capone's backing. Uale wanted share of the track. Aiello was later slain.

... was the horrible scene in the N. Clark st. garage after machine gunners in an unparalleled exhibition of criminal brutality had mown down seven men. This was the St. Valentine's Day massacre, the high water mark in organized crime.



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Towns Shaken Three Quakes  
SPFIELD, Cal., Jan. 22.—(National News Service.)—distinct earthquakes were in the vicinity starting at 5:53 day. The shocks were enough to awaken dream.

## Moran and Druggan Missed Death by a Matter of a Few Minutes

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### It Was All Over a Dog Track

(Brooklyn's Underworld noted it.) Uale, he said, covered "piece" of a dog track which was operating with Capone's backing in Lyons, Ill. Uale had been an ally of Capone, but the latter's refusal to cut him in on the rich profits of the dog track alienated his affections and he decided to turn on his hot with Moran. Uale threatened to burn down the track through which Burke and Goetz were killed. Those controlling the track, Bolton said, retained Burke and Goetz for protection. They put the men into policemen's uniforms.

### What Happened to 3 Killers

(2 in Graves, 1 in Prison for Life.) Burke, Goetz and Uale were the first at hand labor for the Michigan prison for killing a St. Joseph policeman and the other two in their graves. A machine gun found in Burke's lake shore bungalow in Michigan—and to have been used in New York several months later. Goetz the former guard and college athlete, was long sought for robbery, but apparently lived a "charmed" life. But criminal retires, he was shot down in a Chicago. The order went out to Capone, to "get" the three. 'Get Moran and His (Bolton Posted in The order went out to its demands for the domination of the rich was was enough to land on Bolton...

and barrels sawed off and used by police to quell riots—the two entered the garage through the front door.

### But Bugs Has Flown the Chop!

(And So Has Terry Druggan!) Not being known to the Moran gangsters, Burke and Goetz were able to pose as policemen on a routine raid.

But only seven Morans were present. Moran, the chief target, and Druggan had left only a few minutes before—after Bolton had sighted them entering the place, and left his watching post.

Burke and Goetz ordered the seven men they found to stand with their faces toward a stone wall.

When the victims were lined up to be slaughtered, Bolton, Maddox, Winkler and Humphreys entered through a rear door, carrying two suitcases containing machine guns.

With military precision the machine guns were made ready.

### Four Machine Guns Roar!

(And 7 Are Massacred.)

A deafening roar resounded to the street as the four lethal weapons swept along the wall, riddling the seven helpless victims.

A minute later, Burke and Goetz sauntered through the front door, entered their automobile and sped away. Bolton and his machine gunning pals slipped out a rear door, into an alley and disappeared.

Death reigned in the garage. Only a dog and one of the Guesenbergs were alive when police answered the alarms of housewives who heard the shooting.

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### How Court Was Used as Alibi

(Slips Off to Kill as Case Pends.)

Maddox and Tony Capozio were arrested almost immediately, but Maddox proved an alibi. He said he was in S. Clark st. court at the time the massacre took place. Court records showed a case against him was heard that morning.

But, according to Bolton's story, Maddox went to court at 9 a. m., slipped away for the killings and returned in plenty of time to appear when his case was called about noon.

Bolton himself became an early suspect when ballistics experts traced machine gun bullets to him under the alias of Andrew Allen.

After the killings the murderers fled to a Hammond, Ind., saloon, where Winkler was accustomed to hang out. Ted Newberry later was found slain in the vicinity of the saloon.



Gus Winkler, who was one of the actual gunners, who turned that garage on N. Clark st. into an abattoir, declares Bolton. "Bugs" in time got as good as he gave—he was ambushed and "rubbed out."

## ILLINOIS BANK ROBBED; BLAME KARPIS, PAL

Robbery of the Trivolt State Bank at Trivolt, seventeen miles west of Peoria, today sent police and federal agents on a trail they hoped would lead to Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. For the Trivolt bandits, who escaped with from \$2,500 to \$3,000 cash, were in a machine bearing Ohio plates, and sketchy descriptions seemed to fit America's Public Enemy No. 1 and his desperate companion. Karpis and Campbell, after kidnapping Dr. Horace Hummel, Allen, Pa., and abandoning their car near Monroe, Mich., following their wild flight from the Atlantic City gun battle, were said to be heading for Chicago. SKEN IN MICHIGAN. State police near Saginaw, Mich., today believed they had picked up the trail when two men of about the age and appearance of the subjects were reported near the city.

erment to then turn its evidence over to the state and say: "Here is it. Send him to the electric chair!"

#### Bolton Held as Bremer Kidnap.

Bolton is held in St. Paul as a suspect in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Detective Chief John L. Sullivan had planned to question him, but, after talking with local federal agents, decided to wait. Sullivan said:

"So far as I know, the massacre is still an unsolved mystery."

Bolton is said to have named Humphreys, Winkler, Maddox and himself as the actual machine gunners.

Burke and Goetz, he is quoted as having said, were the ones who entered the garage at 2122 N. Clark st., wearing policemen's uniforms.

Winkler and Goetz are dead; Humphreys is in Leavenworth federal penitentiary, serving eighteen months for tax cheating, and Burke is in Marquette, Mich., state penitentiary.

#### J. E. Hoover Takes Skeptical View.

Concerning the purported confession, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice bureau of

investigation, later killed. This, and the displeasure of Capone over Moran's control of the profitable North Side liquor business, brought the order:

"Moran and his mob must go!" Bolton's reported story continued with assertion that he was hired to keep watch over the garage; that he was to summon the other killers when all the Moran leaders, including Moran himself, were present.

Moran entered with Druggan on the morning of St. Valentine's Day. The signal went out. Burke and Goetz drove up to the front of the garage. Humphreys,

Methodically, Burke and Goetz walked out the front way, got back into their car, and drove away. Swiftly, the others got in the other car at the rear and escaped.

When police arrived in response to the appeals of the terrified neighbors, the only living things in the room were a dog and one of the Gusebbergs, and the man was too near dead to talk.

Maddox was arrested, but he talked himself to freedom. He showed by records that he was in court that morning, but Bolton is quoted as saying that he appeared in court about 9 a. m., left long enough to help in the killing and

communication is received from the government.

#### Decorator Sues Brundage Widow

Suit to collect \$2,500 from Mrs. Germaine V. Brundage, widow of Edward V. Brundage, former attorney general of Illinois, who committed suicide last year, was started in Lake County Circuit Court yesterday by Ireneau Charlton, Chicago interior decorator. She charges Mrs. Brundage failed to pay for furnishings in the Brundage Lake Forest home.

Paul banker, it was reported yesterday.

Goetz, according to information reaching Chicago authorities, was shot down by Arthur ("Doc") Barker, leader of the gang, now in custody, and another gang member who was not named. His body was found in a ditch, near Chicago, last March, a \$1,000 bill in a pocket. Graduated from the University of Illinois in 1923, Goetz, a former football star, had seen an opportunity to become a "big shot" gangster when he was appointed receiver for the ransom money. The \$200,000, it was said, was paid over to him in Chicago. The

ago, and, in garbanded fashion, "paid him off" for his treachery. (Goetz, it was said, was the man who rented the cottage in which Bremer was held prisoner.

#### Garner Files Suit for Foreclosure

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Annie S. Cobb, Oklahoma City, today was served with notice of a mortgage foreclosure suit filed against her and several other defendants in Uvalde, Tex., by Vice President Garner.

John May, the mechanic, his face ghostlike, peered from under the car. He said: "Aw, what did you do that for?" The slayers, who were first inclined to spare him, decided on second thought to kill him.

It had long been suspected that "Killer" Burke and Fred Goetz, named by Byron Bolton in his confession, had posed as the two policemen in the case, but never, until Bolton revealed himself, Claude Maddox, Gus Winkler and Murray Humphreys as the other members of the firing squad, did the authorities have any reported confession.

#### Druggan and Moran Escape by Minutes.

"Bugs" Druggan and George ("Eugene") Moran came perilously close to being slain in the St. Valentine's Day massacre of 1929, according to the purported confession of Byron Bolton.

Bolton said he was at his lookout position across the street when he saw Druggan and Moran enter the garage at 2122 N. Clark st., where the latter's mob had its headquarters.

Bolton signaled the rest of the firing squad, he said, and left his room to join the expedition.

Two killers entered the front door; four marched in the rear; the victims were lined up; guns spat; the killers fled.

But, when police arrived to identify the bodies, they didn't find Druggan and Moran.

#### Bolton Brought Here by Capone.

Byron Bolton's purported confession of participation in the Moran gang massacre bears out suspicion of police at the time of the multiple murder.

Witnesses had identified him by his picture and by his cough. Bolton was plying his trade of gangster in Detroit when Capone brought him here for "special duty."

Bearing out the belief that he had a part in the episode, a trunk believed to have held the machine guns used in the massacre, was found at the home of Bolton's father at Virden, Ill.

Bolton had never gained prominence until the time of the massacre. Though a trusted member of the gang, he had kept out of the limelight.

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## Five Accused BULLETS THEIR VALENTINES Bolton Confesses



**NO 'CIRCUS'**—Claude Maddox led the ironically named "Circus gang," named from their cafe headquarters. No hippodrome ever conceived by a depraved Caesar was as spectacular and horrible as the fate he helped bring to the seven St. Valentine's Day victims. For his part in that gruesome "circus" he faces death in the electric chair.

**BEYOND REACH**—Gus Winkler will never be touched by the law for triggering death to seven men in the St. Valentine's Day massacre. The elimination of his rivals in the George ("Bugs") Moran gang marked a step in his rise to gang boss of the North Side. But a similar fate overtook him. Fifteen months ago gangsters "got" him, too.

**'KILLER'**—Rightly named was Fred ("Killer") Burke, for he was one of the squad of six executioners in the bloodiest act in all gangster history. He was glad—and so was the law—when Michigan imprisoned him for life in 1921. Other states, seeking him for a dozen murders, promised electrocution. He may be brought from prison for trial.

**EDUCATED—TO MURDER**—Fred Goetz was a college graduate, an army flier, but he stood in the firing line when the massacre victims fell in a N. Clark st. garage six years ago. From that butchery he went to other murders, and finally his own. Last March he was shot down by a group of gunmen in front of a Cicero restaurant.

**CAPONE'S MAN**—Murray Humphreys, polished hoodlum, succeeded "Scarface Al" as head of the Capone gang when the government jailed Capone. Now he is in Leavenworth for the same offense—income tax evasion. At the end of his eighteen-month term, the electric chair looms for him, for he was named as one of the six massacre slayers by Byron Bolton.

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# NO TAX SECRETS ON MARCH IN ST. VALENTINE'S MASSACRE

Fred ("Killer") Burke, who, The Chicago American reveals today, was named by Byron Bolton, federal prisoner, as one of the band that slaughtered seven men in the infamous St. Valentine's Day massacre. Burke, according to Bolton, was one of the two "policemen" who were seen to leave the murder scene after the killings. He is now in Michigan. (Chicago American)



# St. Valentine's Day Massacre: Man's Awakening U. S. to Gang Peril

## MADDOX ONLY ONE AT LIBERTY OF FIVE ACCUSED BY BOLTON

**Prisoner's Alleged Confession Held to Tally With Known Circumstances; State's Attorney and Police Are Ready for Action.**

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until it is ready for presentation to a grand jury or a court.

For example, agents denied for ten days that they had in custody Mrs. Lester Gilla, widow of George "Baby Face" Nelson, and refused to admit they were holding or "Doc" Barker, whose mother and brother were killed battling officers in Florida last week.

It was pointed out that Capone will be free when he finishes his ten-year term for income tax cheating and his year's term for contempt of court, and that government officials have been eager to prevent his ever being freed.

By developing an iron-clad case against Capone, the per-

investigation, said in Washington: "It's the bomb."

In Chicago Acting Chief D. M. Ladd asserted:

"It will be made very emphatic denied of published reports of statements of Byron Bolton."

"He made no statement, either oral or written, concerning the St. Valentine's Day massacre. At no time did police question him, nor did he make a statement to police."

"He is now in St. Paul in connection with the Bremer kidnapping."

"The federal government of any sort would not have jurisdiction in the St. Valentine's Day massacre."

Nevertheless, reports are that a detailed, signed statement from Bolton is now in the hands of the Department of Justice in Washington.

**Long Suspended as 'Finger Man.'**

Over the first few days after the massacre Bolton has been suspected of being the "finger man"—the one who read a room down from the garage and waited there until the doomed rival gangsters should appear as he could signal his confederates.

Now he is said to have admitted that he WAS that man; that he DID give the signal, and that he took part in the slaughter which left dead:

Peter Gusenberg, an ex-convict, and his brother, Frank; Adams Hayer, alias Arthur Hayer, another ex-convict; James Clark, brother-in-law of George "Bugs" Moran, the gang leader; John May, a supposedly innocent garage mechanic; Albert Weisbank and Dr. E. H. Schwimmer, who mingled with gangsters because he "got a kick out of it."

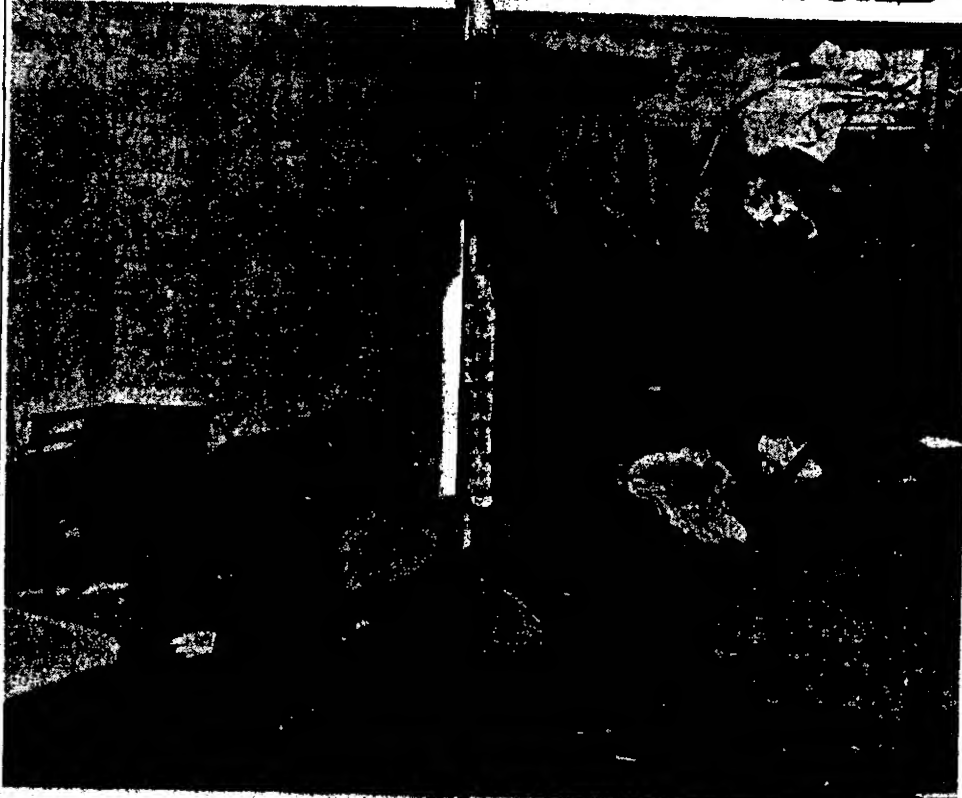
Bolton, it was noted, did not mention Jack "Machine Gun" McGurn, who has always been looked upon by police as a principal suspect.

**Feed Attributed to Frank Uale.**

Bolton is said to have attributed the massacre to an effort by French Uale, alias Yale, later slain New York and Brooklyn gangster, to "mangle in" on a dog racing track in Lyons, operated by his former ally, Capone.

Uale, Bolton is quoted as having related, threatened to have the dog

## CRIME THAT STARTLED THE WORLD



**CLIMAX OF HOODLUMISM**—Horrible scene in the Clark st. garage where machine guns killed seven men on St. Valentine's Day, 1929. Six of the victims can be seen sprawled in death on the floor in front of the wall display.

Winkler and Maddox arrived at the rear in another car to join Bolton.

**Slayers Dressed as Policemen.**

Dressed as police and unknown to the Moran gangsters, Burke and Gupta, carrying their sawed-off shotguns, were able to enter without arousing suspicion.

When they were in the garage, they came to the victims when they were ordered to line up, facing the wall.

Then in came the others, and took their places. Without waste

got back to court before he was called.

After the massacre, according to Bolton's reported statement, the killers fled to Hammond and took refuge in a saloon, often used by Winkler and located not far from where Winkler's profession, and Newberry, was found slain some time later.

Such is the story he is said to have told after he is charged with being under attorney General Cummings' scrutiny now.

State's Attorney Courtney had ordered the case whipped into shape at once, so he might be ready to

## GOETZ' FATAL TRICK Tried to Hold Out Bremer Ransom From Karpis' Gang

Fred Goetz, named yesterday as one of Capone's St. Valentine's Day execution squad, was slain by Karpis gangsters when he sought to

## GARAGE KILLINGS GIVE CITY SINISTER FAME OVER WORLD

**Climax of Underground Battles by Hoodlums; Narrows the Wars to a Fight Between Capone's and Moran's Followers**

Chicago was going about its business as usual on St. Valentine's Day, 1929. Shop windows were gay with hearts and flowers.

But the day was to go down in history as marking Chicago's bloodiest and most disgraceful crime—the St. Valentine's Day massacre—which for the first time awakened the national conscience to the menace of organized mobsters.

It was this massacre, more than any other single crime, which gave Chicago a reputation the world over as a place where human life was unsafe.

**Climax of Gang War Over Prohibition Profits.**

This cold-blooded murder of seven men in a North Side garage brought to a climax the gang wars which had been raging between various underworld factions, finally narrowing down to a battle for supremacy between Al Capone's South Side hoodlums and the bashamans of George "Bugs" Moran, North Side boss and alcoholic czar. Its overture had been the murder, in 1924, of Dean O'Bannion, whose right-hand man Moran had been.

While all seemed quiet at the garage at 2122 N. Clark st., headquarters of the Moran gang, where the bootleg whiskey was brought in and cut down for delivery, watchful eyes from a nearby hideout had long been focused on the place.

**Moran and Druggan Evade Assassins.**

"Bugs" himself, and Terry Druggan, West Side baron and public enemy, with whom Moran had made an alliance, had just left the garage when a car with two men in police uniforms drew up.

The car resembled a squad car. Its occupants wore the regulation blue, police stars and helmets.

The two men, armed with "rabbit" guns—murderous sawed-off shotguns, forced their way in and interrupted a "cut-up" meeting with the curt command:

"Line up."

Thinking it was a pinch the gangsters obeyed orders. A mechanic, John May, crawled under a car. Moran's big police dog, who guarded the alley at night, growled and tugged at his chain.

**Lined Against Wall; Mowed Down by Group.**

and thoughts that he might "equal." Another volley of shots did for May.

Dystanders, who heard the roar of guns, saw what they thought was a police car speeding away, its siren screeching. Nobody dared to approach the garage, from which a cloud of powder smoke was pouring.

**Gusenber Dies on Arrival of Police.**

When the police arrived the savage dog was standing over the curiously sprawled bodies. The only human sound was a faint moan. It came from the dying lips of Frank Gusenberg, brother of Pete Gusenberg, an ex-convict, who lay dead at his side.

The dog was growling and leaping at the policemen. They were unable to reach the massacre victims. Finally John L. Sullivan, now chief of detectives, who "had a way with dogs," was called. Six of the bodies were fit only for the morgue. Gasping, his eyes glazed, Frank Gusenberg was removed to a hospital. He refused to talk. All he would say was:

"I'm getting cold."

It was the icy hand of death stealing upon him. The mystery of who the killers were—revealed only yesterday—remained unsolved with his death. There were no other witnesses.

**Starts Murder Series; Arouses Civic Leaders.**

This was the famous St. Valentine's Day massacre which wiped out the Moran gang, established Al Capone as Chicago's vice and bootleg king, started a long, bloody train of murders, and aroused civic leaders to a war on crime which promises to redeem Chicago's name and keep the gangster on the run.

The victims were Peter Gusenberg, Milwaukee, mail robber, ex-convict; Frank Gusenberg, his brother; Adam Hayer, alias Arthur Hayer, ex-convict; John May, mechanic; James Clark, Moran's brother-in-law; Albert Weisbank and Dr. Reinhardt E. Schwimmer, a crim.

Score of arrests were made, but until yesterday the perpetrators of Chicago's bloodiest and most heinous



**BYRON BOLTON**—Confesses St. Valentine's Day



BYRON BOLTON.

## REPORT OF BOLTON BREAK IS DENIED

U. S. Officials Deny Confes-  
sion of St. Valentine's  
Day Massacre.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, January 23.—D. M. Ladd, agent in charge of the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, denied a published story today that Byron Bolton, Karpis-Barker gangster, had made any statement admitting participation in the 1929 St. Valentine's day massacre, in which seven were slain.

Bolton, in a story published here today, was said to have admitted that he and five associates took part in the slaughter, naming as the others Fred "Killer" Burke, Claude Maddox, Gus Winkler, Fred Goetz and Murray Humphreys.

Ladd issued a formal statement in which he denied that Bolton had made any such admission, written or oral.

He said further that Federal agents had not questioned Bolton about the massacre because it was not in their jurisdiction, and that Chicago police authorities had not questioned Bolton after his arrest.

He said that since Bolton was taken to St. Paul, he has remained in Federal custody, intimating that he could not have been questioned by local authorities there.

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BYRON BOLTON

## REPORT OF BOLTON BREAK IS DENIED

**U. S. Officials Deny Con-  
fession of St. Valentine's  
Day Massacre.**

By The Associated Press.  
CHICAGO, January 22.—(U. P.)—  
Lead agent in charge of the Division  
of Investigation, Department of Justice,  
denied a published story today that  
Byron Bolton, Karpis' former partner,  
had made any statement admitting  
participation in the 1929 St. Valen-  
tine's day massacre, in which seven  
men died.

Bolton, in a story published here  
yesterday, was said to have admitted that  
he and five associates took part in the  
slaughter, naming as the others Fred  
"Killer" Burke, Claude Wickham, Gus  
Winkler, Fred Goetz and Alvin  
Karpis.

Lead denied a formal statement of  
Bolton, he denied that Bolton had  
made any such admission, written or  
oral.

He said further that Federal agents  
had not questioned Bolton about the  
massacre because it was not in their  
jurisdiction, and that Chicago police  
authorities had not questioned Bolton  
after his arrest.

He said that since Bolton was taken  
to St. Paul, he had remained in Fed-  
eral custody, intimating that he might  
not have been questioned by local au-  
thorities there.

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Bolton has given his story in a detailed form to the United States government. It is now in being studied by high officials.

Meanwhile, however, he also had told it to Chicago and it is from them that The Chicago American has the story.

## Army Machine Gunner

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The seven who were killed on that day were: Paul Berg, ex-convict; Frank Gusenberg, his brother; Adolphus Arthur Hayes, ex-convict; James Clark, brother of George ("Bugs") Moran, North Side gang leader; John May, garage mechanic; Albert Weinshar Reinhardt H. Schwimmer.

## Plotted in New York

May was a youth who was a victim of circumstance in the garage at the time the murderers entered. Schwimmer associated with gangsters for the "kick" out of it.

The others were all members of Moran's once powerful gang, which then was fighting Al Capone's mobsters.

Bolton's story traced the massacre to New York, where Frank Vale, notorious eastern gangster, was killed.

Vale, he said, coveted a "piece" of a dog track operating with Capone's backing in Lyons, Ill.

Vale had been an ally of Capone, but the latter

Fred ("Killer") Burke, who, The Chicago American reveals today, was named by Byron Bolton, federal prisoner, as one of the band that slaughtered seven men in the infamous St. Valentine's Day massacre. Burke, according to Bolton, was one of the two "policemen" who were seen to leave the murder scene after the killings. He is now serving a life sentence in Michigan. (Chicago American photo.)

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